

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

--Oxygen gas having a high purity is supplied to an electric discharge type ozonizer to generate ozone. An ozone density is prevented from decreasing without the use of nitrogen gas by adding moisture to the high-purity oxygen gas via a humidifier when the high-purity oxygen gas is supplied to an ozonizer from an oxygen gas source. Through the addition, the moisture volume in the high-purity oxygen gas supplied to the ozonizer is adjusted to be within the range of 0.05 – 40 ppm.--